discarding all face up cards that were not selected to be held in said NxN array of cards;

dealing new cards randomly to replace all said discarded cards within said NxN array of cards; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements.

Claim 21(amended) - A method for playing a poker game, comprising in combination:

dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards;

selecting some, none, or all of any of the cards within said NxN array of cards to be held;

discarding all unselected cards and replacing said discarded cards with randomly selected new cards; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements wherein any said card is implicated in at least two N card arrangements of hands.

Claim 29 (amended) - A method for playing a poker game utilizing a standard 52 card playing deck, comprising in combination:

dealing 25 cards face up in a five row by five column arrangement;

permitting a player to hold none, some, or all of any of said 25 cards;

discarding all cards that were not held by the player;

replacing each card not held with a randomly selected card from the remaining cards in the deck; and